

# DISCLOSURE DIVISION

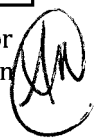
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- ☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**  
☐ **ANSWER**  
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**  
☐ **UNTIMELY**

**DATE: 3/19/2021**

**DOCKET #: 2021-213**

Ashley Wimberley, Director  
Disclosure Division



## FILER INFORMATION

Name: Melanie Powell Rey  
Address: P. O. Box 1334, Zachary, LA 70791  
Alt. Address: 6222 English Turn Drive, Zachary, LA 70791  
Office/Position: Bridge Academy / Baton Rouge / East Baton Rouge  
Dates of Service: 2015-2018 (2018 Final Year)  
Number of Disclosures and/or Amendments Filed with Agency: 6

## REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 3 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2018 - Amendment  
Report ID: PFD19006364  
Original Due Date: 5/15/2019  
Initial PFD Filed on: 5/14/2019  
NOD-amend Received: 7/21/2020 - Signed By: Mail Carrier - Covid-19  
Amendment/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 7/30/2020  
Amendment/Answer Filed: 8/4/2020

## LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$250  
Days late from receipt of NOD: 5  
Total days late from initial due date: 447  
Late Fee Order Received: 2/5/2021  
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 2/25/2021  
Waiver Request Received: 2/9/2021

## COMMENTS:

Melanie Powell Rey is requesting a Waiver for the late filing of her 2018 Amendment. Mrs. Rey stated on 7/21/2020, she received an NOD to Amendment her 2018 PFD. She said she filed the amendment on time (post marked date 8/4/2020), but unfortunately it was received five (5) days beyond its due date of 7/30/2020. This delay was due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. As a result of the pandemic, the US Postal Service has experienced delays in processing and delivering the mail. While she commends the postal service for extending shifts to increase postal delivery, the influx of online shopping and postal workers being affected by Covid-19, has substantially diminished the rate and speed at which mail is processed and delivered, especially during the early days of the pandemic (i.e., April - September 2020). It has always been her desire to adhere to her obligations in regards to filing her disclosures. In the past, even when she needed to file an amendment, she visited the BOE to ensure that her disclosure was filled out correctly. "Currently, at this time of unprecedented death, turmoil, financial hardships, and inequities", she would greatly appreciate the Ethics Board waiving her late fee. Mrs. Rey greatly appreciates the Ethics Board's consideration.

This is Mrs. Rey's first late filing and late fee assessment.

## OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

### Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

### Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No

**Melanie Powell Rey, PhD**

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February 9, 2021

Louisiana Board of Ethics  
P. O. Box 4368  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821

**RE: Late Fee Assessment Report: PFD19006364**

Dear Distinguished Members of the Louisiana Board of Ethics:

On July 21, 2020, I received a notice requiring that I file an amendment for my 2018 Tier 3 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure Statement. I filed the amendment on time, but unfortunately it was received five (5) days beyond the due date of July 30, 2020. This delay was due to the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) global pandemic. As a result of this global pandemic, the United States Postal Service (USPS) has experienced documented delays in the processing of mail. While I commend the postal service for extending their shifts to increase postal delivery, the influx of online shopping and the members of the postal service that have been affected by COVID-19 have substantially diminished the rate and speed at which mail is processed and delivered, especially during the early days of the pandemic (i.e., April - September 2020).

It has always been my desire to adhere to my obligations as it results to filing my Tier 3 Annual Personal Financial Disclosures. In the past, even when I had to file an amendment, I visited the Louisiana Board of Ethics in person to ensure that my personal responsibilities were completed. Currently, we are in a time of unprecedented death, turmoil, financial hardships, and inequities. This time period began has been extremely exacerbated due to the global pandemic which started in 2020. Therefore, I would greatly appreciate a waiver of this late fee assessment. I cannot comprehend any cause better than a global pandemic that affected the mail delivery service to justify this waiver request.

I greatly appreciate your consideration and I look forward to your decision in this matter.

Warm regards,



**Melanie Powell Rey, PhD**

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1. Melanie Powell Rey  
6222 English Turn Drive  
Zachary, LA 70791



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